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DOUGHERTY TALKS, BUT NO HOLDUP ARRESTS

fi'm Here and I'll Deliver the Goods," Deputy Commissioner Says.

MONTANI HELD IN COURT

Waldo Is Silent and All Officials Plainly Distressed Over Unrepressed Violence.

Signs of stress in the Police Department because of the inability of the detectives to make headway in clearing spicuous last evening. Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty was plainly irritated, although he said that he was entirely satisfied with the work his men had done under present conditions. While he would not express an opinion as to whether something might have been work with less restriction in picking up criminals than they enjoy under the expressed views of Mayor Gaynor, he did say that he believed that professional criminals who would not work-criminals without v isible means of supportshould be made to break stones for

Efforts to get from Police Commissioner Waldo his views on the subject were as futile as on Saturday. So Deputy Commissioner Dougherty was asked last evening if there had not been a consultation between Commissioner Waldo and his deputies on the question of whether the department had not been hampered by the breaking up of the central detective greau and the abolishment of the lineup of crooks at Police Headquarters every norning.

'You should ask the Commissioner

about that," said Dougherty. But the Commissioner won't be inerviewed on the subject," he was told. Well, I am here all the time," said Deputy Dougherty. "I am ready to answer all questions and I have answered hem right along where it has been consistent with public policy. I am independent of everybody in the matter of ferreting out crime. I have sixty men orking under my direct orders on the \$25,000 taxicab robbery in Trinity place can have 6,000 men if I want them. I am no chicken in this game. I am working man and this job is not the only one I have ever had. I am not making this statement in an egotistical sense. am going to convince the public that I an deliver the goods, and believe me am going to deliver the goods."

Then this question was put to Mr Dougherty:

In view of the taxicab robbery of the two East River Bank messengers, the holdup of George Horth in Thirty-fifth street near Sixth avenue on Friday night, the holdup and robbery of Irving Beckerman on the Bowery after leaving the Ger- fought hard to save the structure. man Exchange Bank and the killing of Mrs. Walker two weeks ago in her flat in present police management?"

public should give us time. There is no street reason why the public should lose condence that I can see."

Deputy Commissioner Dougherty had refaced this statement with the comment that "there had been progress" in times which have been worrying the tire department, particularly the deective chiefs. Geno Montani, the driver f the taxicab in which the two bank messengers were blackjacked and robbed Thursday, had been held earlier in he day by Magistrate Herbert in the ombs police court in \$5,000 bail.

Magistrate Herbert seemed to think hat the police did not have much material should be held. In explaining the at titude of the police Commissioner Dough-erty said last evening: "We are not worrying about, him. We can get him any time we want him. We can arrest Montani on another case and Montani knows it.

Commissioner Dougherty did not ex plain what this case was. he has said that the police had been un able to break down Montani's story. On he contrary there was one witness who onfirmed what Montani had said of the circumstances of the escape of the holdup ani's record was good and that he beeved that the Italian driver had been aiding the police.

hail and after the Deputy Commissioner

appens, but it was not up to us. I am application. of criticising the District Attorney. I

ce what we are up against. There should be some law which ed on the man who has done wrong It would be unprecedented, however, and hald the punishment, but if he is a to have the strongest party in the Reichwho will not work send him to stag unrepresented among the presiding stones-make him improve the officers. Queens, make him do any kind improvements that will keep

practice to keep track of out of town criminals who might come to the city, but he admitted that when they got here he could do nothing with them under the present system unless there was a definite charge against them. While he would not criticise against them. While he would not criticise the present arrangement of distributing detective districts over the city it is known that the Commissioner would like to have a trained squad at Police Headquarters that he could use in any emergency.

SHERIFF MAY TAKE A HAND.

Harburger Says His Special Deputies Could Allay Public Fear.

Sheriff Julius Harburger is considering seriously the advisability of taking a hand in the attempt to put a stop to holdups and other lawlessness in the The Sheriff said last night that county unless the city police succeeded in getting the situation in hand very soon he intended o call a meeting of the special deputy up the recent crimes of violence were con- sheriffs he has appointed and instruct them to assist in maintaining order. There are now some 500 of these special deputy sheriffs in the county and, as the Sheriff pointed out, it would be necessary to get a fair sized hall for the meeting should it seem advisable to hold one.

Already the Sheriff has been appealed to by a number of downtown bankers, accomplished if the police were able to who, doubtful of protection at the hands of the police, have asked to be appointed deputy sheriffs themselves or have asked for that appointment for some of their employees who have charge of the moving of money and securities. One advantage of such an appointment is that it permits the appointee to carry a revolver.

Sheriff Harburger has named twenty odd new special deputies in the last two on the failure of the State Department or three days. Practically all of these are men in the financial district. There are a few actors who are sceptical of the security of the streets in the theatrical district since the holdup of George F. Horth, the diamond dealer, at Thirtyfifth street and Sixth avenue Friday night.

Last night Sheriff Harburger said that e considered it a matter of serious importance that the present public fear of footpads be allayed and that he believed his men could do a good deal toward improving the situation if they were put to in. There are many well known names of Sheriff Harburger's list of special deputies and each of the 500 and more has put up a bond of \$10,000 to insure his responsibility. The Sheriff considers his special deputies a picked body of men who could and would do good work in preventing street crimes if they were told to do it. Particularly in the financial district the Sheriff believes that these men could be used to advantage.

PUPILS FIGHT SCHOOL FIRE. Leave Homes After Midnight and Risk

Lives Rescuing Books.

MOUNT VERNON, N.Y., Feb. 18. - Several hundred boys and girls aided Principal . C. Hill in saving valuable records. books, papers and desks from a fire which destroyed the North Pelham public school shortly after midnight. The school, which was a new structure and cost nearly \$50,000, was destroyed although the Pelham Manor fire department as well as Engine Company 1 of Mount Vernon

When the alarm was given it awakened the children and as soon as they learned hat their schoolhouse was that was sent to her, nothing of a definite dressed and went to the scene, followed by nature having been accomplished in the their parents. Principal Hill, who has apture of the perpetrators of any of been the head of the school for thirty-five enough to inform me that his Excellency more, I believe in it in the interests of hese crimes, is there any reason why the years, was joined by some of the older public should not lose confidence in the boys and they were marshalled by him in line and rushed to his office. A squad "The public should have confidence." of pupils seized the old desk in front of answered the Commissioner. "The bomb which Mr. Hill has presided during all mystery is a deep crime and cannot be the years he has been principal and which solved in a day. It is only fair that the he prized highly and carried it to the

Before the firemen arrived boys and girls had seized pails of water which they gave to their parents and in this manner tried to stop the spread of the flames Boys hurried from room to room, picking he police investigation of the several up books, desks and other school paraphernalia, which they took to the street.

The school building stood on the crest of a hill and the flames attracted a large crowd, many people driving in automobiles from Pelham Manor, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon and East Chester. The falling of one of the walls injured two firemen. Charles Geofferey of Pelham Manor was struck by a brick, which cut an artery in his wrist, and John Kern, a member of evidence against Montani, but he finally Engine Company 1, of Mount Vernon was the United States, Mr. Roosevelt, both accepted the police view that Montani severely injured. He was on a ladder when when he occupied that position and when. the wall caved in and he received a deep gash in his head. The men were taken to Mount Vernon Hospital. The building was insured for \$22,000 on

SOCIALIST MAKES TROUBLE.

Reichstag Vice-President Won't Ask

Audience With the Kaiser. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, Feb. 18.-The trouble which it was foreseen would result from the men in a black touring car. Commissioner Dougherty has insisted that Mon-Socialist as First Vice-President of the Reichstag, has already broken out. The Kaiser on the advice of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg has refused to re-ceive Johannes Kaempf, the Radical which you will doubtless well understand, Deputy from the Emperor's own district, that up to the present I have not have not and the It was after Montani had been locked ceive Johannes Kaempf, the Radical p in the Tombs because he could not get Deputy from the Emperor's own district, who was elected President of the Reichhad conferred with his detectives last stag when Dr. Spahn declined to serve ming that he was asked if he was satis- | with a Socialist, and Heinrich Dove, the fied with the powers which a detective Radical Second Vice-President, because Herr Scheidemann declined to join them in the customary application for an audi-You've got to be satisfied," he said. ence with the Emperor. This application, Let me tell you this. I know of a case as is usual, was made after the officers within the last two months of a criminal of the Reichstag had been elected. The who was caught with the goods, a man Socialist party does not recognize court committed a robbery. He was functions and for this reason Scheidemann out in court. That sometimes refused to append his name to the official

The situation is unprecedented in not criticisng the courts, but you can no solution of the difficulty can be foreseen at present. The Socialists interpret Here is another point. Why should a the action of the Emperor as an attempt tumber of men without visible to prevent the ratification of the election of support-men with criminal of Herr Scheidemann, a formality which be allowed to roam around the is necessary within a month after he has been chosen by the Reichstag, and to make them work. We can do compel the election of some member under present conditions. I am other than a Socialist in his place.

Spend Washington's Birthday at VIRGINIA HOT SPRINGS. Train leaves Penn. R. R. Station 5.08 Daily.—Ads.

KNOX TOLD COLOMBIA

Minister of the Republic Says a Visit Would Be "Inopportune."

WILL CHANGE HIS PLANS

More Serious Break May Come if the Minister Is Upheld by His Home Government.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. - Secretary of State Knox's trip to Central and South American republics for the purpose of developing friendly and cordial relations has been marred at the outset by an official snub from the diplomatic representative of the Colombian Government in this

city, Señor Pedro Nel Ospina.

opportune," which is the diplomatic method of saving that Mr. Knox is not plained, however, that he was acting on lead. his own initiative in making this suggestion and will ask his Government for definite instructions. He based his action to make a reply to a diplomatic note which he submitted to the State Department about three months ago requesting the arbitration of the pending questions between the United States and Colombia. The principal question in dispute between the two Governments relates to the boundary line between Colombia and Panama, which has been unsettled since the secession of Panama from Colombia in 1903.

In view of the Colombian Minister's note Secretary Knox probably will abandon his proposed visit to Colombia. the Colombian Government upholds the create a serious situation between the two Governments which may result in the breaking off of diplomatic relations. If the Colombian Government, however, repudiates the action of its Minister it will not remove entirely the embarrassment created by the publication of the Minister's note.

While officials in the State Department declined publicly to comment to-night on the note, they say that Mr. Knox probably will not visit Colombia as a result of the untoward incident.

On February 13 last Acting Secretary Wilson informed the Colombian Minister of Secretary Knox's forthcoming visit to the South and Central American republics and advised him that Mr. Knox would probably include Colombia in his itinerary. Here is the Colombian Minister's reply, made public at the legation to-night

livered to me the same night.

the Secretary of State may perhaps decide morality. Persons desiring to marry, to extend his trip south, in such manner as when prohibited, will often live together to include in it a visit to my country. the mail leaving to-morrow I shall advise my Government of this matter and ask for

Speaking, therefore, in my own name and without any knowledge of the views of my Government on the matter, I take the liberty of suggesting that there is perhaps reason for believing that such a visit of his Excellency the Secretary of State may happen to be considered as inopportune at the present time, in view of the fact that Colombia still finds herself placed by the United States in an exceptional position, as the only member of the numerous family of independen nations scattered over the face of the earth to which, despite its constant demands, the tion questions referring exclusively to the universally accepted principles of inter-national law on all civilized nations in their relations one with another. It is meet to returned to private life, he has dealt in pubcally maintained the propriety and desiracision of international controversies involving such questions.

I shall appreciate it if this, my suggestion. is taken as born of the desire which animates me to avoid any occasion of aggravating the differences which exist between the two countries and to see the hour arrive when they may be satisfactorily settled to which my country always has been and is

now disposed. Nearly three months have elapsed since, in compliance with the instructions of my Government, I reiterated (November to the Government of the United States the demand for the arbitration of the exist ing controversy: and I see myself obliged honor of receiving a reply. One of the several grounds of complaint put forward, memory serves me well, as I have ment of the United States to the Government peremptory terms it demanded the subission to arbitration of the boundary question then pending with Venezuela, was, as you will well remember, that England had left without reply for a considerable length of time an important note of the in his notebook. State Department. Let it be permitted to Colombia in her weakness to respectfully belongs to Winchester Fitch of 300 West and candidly express how hard it is for her to see herself subjected to a like treatment. No one who knows the unrest which is being felt in my country at the delay in the satisfactory disposal of these questions will fail to look sympathetically upon the efforts which it is necessary for me to make to it was said that Robert B. Cunningham. obtain that a settlement be arrived

This action, it was predicted in diplomatic circles to-night, will most likely lead to the Minister's recall. The language of the note may be decided by the State Department as a personal affront to the Secretary of State, in which case the Colombian Government will be noti- on

rapidly as possible

MAD DOG BITES FIVE. Pursued in Vain Through Mount Vernon Streets After Church Time.

MOUNT VERNON, Feb. 18.—Just as members of the First Presbyterian Church, on South Sixth avenue, Mount Vernon, were leaving for their homes at noon to-day a mad dog dashed among them snapping at the heels of several girls and nipping the sleeves of fur coats. The dog ran down the street, followed by a crowd of church folks headed by Dr. Jasper, who found an iron bar and LEFT A LUNCHEON TABLE tried to strike the animal.

At Fifth avenue and First street the dog sank his teeth in the left leg of Ada, the five-year-old daughter of William Patterson, and then ran toward Lieut. Michael Silverstein and Policeman Herman Mattes. The animal ran along South Fourth avenue, followed by at least 500 persons.

Silverstein and Mattes jumped into a passing automobile and gave chase. The dog, which was a little yellow mongrel, was fleet of foot and after biting four dogs continued through Second street to Third avenue just as the congregation was leaving the First Baptist Church. The Minister has advised Acting Sec- The animal attacked an old lady who wore retary of State Wilson that Secretary a heavy fur coat and though he ripped the Knox's proposed visit to Colombia is "in- garment he did not injure her. The coat sleeves of several men were torn by the dog's teeth as he jumped at them.

Through South Third avenue the chase shots and it is believed he wounded it, as it limped slightly. It ran into the use at 238 South Third avenue.

The yard was surrounded, but the mongrel managed to escape through an adjoining yard and was lost track of. Two hours later Lieut. Clark at police headquarters received word from Mrs. Walter Flandreau, on South Sixth avenue that a yellow dog had run into her yard and bitten two pet dogs.

At least five persons were nipped by the animal. The report that a mad dog was at large has caused considerable

stand taken by its Minister here it will LE CROIX AND MRS. BAILEY WED.

After Long Search They Find a Willing Philadelphia Clergyman.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.-After much taxicab riding in a hunt for a Philadelphia preacher to marry them Paul Louis Jacque Croix and Mrs. Susie F. Bailey of New York were finally accommodated to-day by the Rev. Dr. William B. Chalfont, pastor of the Thirteenth Street M. E. church, after which the couple went to Atlantic City.

been refused by several other Philadelphia clergymen on the ground that La Croix was divorced for a statutory Parso the lifetime of his wife.

o-night:

I hasten to acknowledge the receipt of Le Croix and Mrs. Bailey, but there was Adirondacks. No other cartridge except your esteemed favor of the 13th inst., which nothing on the face of the license or in the one he had used to take his life was was left at the residence of the Secretary of my information to prohibit it. The license found in the bedroom. Just before lunch-

livered to me the same night.

for I do not see any reason why people suggestion. He left no message of any In the letter referred to you are kind should be made unhappy, and further-sort. In one of his pockets Coroner anyhow, and I know of a number of such instances. The past cannot be undone, While Looking for Persons to Rescuand why should two lives be wrecked?

"But in cases similar to that of Le Croix I would refuse, as it transpires that he was the guilty party and had been ordered by the court not to remarry. There was nothing in the wording of the license to lead me to understand such to be the

AUTO SMASH ON WEST DRIVE

Mr. Cunningham and Woman Companion

Disappeared After the Wreck. An automobile upside down and the interpretation of public treaties and the fragments of a victoria were to be seen in compliance with obligations imposed by the Central Park last night after a collision fragments of a victoria were to be seen in on the West Drive. A man and a woman who had been riding in the victoria and the a distress signal. driver of the automobile disappeared right after the wreck, leaving the recital of what had happened to the carriage driver, who stayed to hold his horse.

In the victoria were Robert B. Cunningham of the Hotel Colonial and a woman bility of submitting to the decision of an impartial tribunal of arbitration the dewere going down the West Drive when opposite Eightieth street a touring car nged into the victoria from behind The driver of the victoria, Robert Heavers, shot through the air and landed unhurt in a clump of shrubbery. Mr. Cunningham and his companion fell into the road-

wav When Heavers recovered his breath and emerged from the bushes he found automobile, a touring car, The chauffeur, Thomas Nevill, was underneath it. Other automobilists stopped and helped Heavers free Nevill,

who promptly went away.

Heavers thought Mr. Cunningham and the woman must have been hurt. but he found that they had disappeared in one of the other cars while the chauffeur was being rescued. So the puzzled Heavers walked to his horse's head and was standing there when a policeman came running to find out why somebody had asked the J. Hood Wright Hospital to send an ambulance to Central Park. To him Heavers gave the names of Cunningham and Nevill, which he had written

The touring car, according to the police Eighty-first street, and Nevill is Mr. Fitch's chauffeur. It was said at Mr. Fifch's home that Mr. and Mrs. Fitch were out of town. At the Hotel Colonial, Eighty-first street and Columbus avenue, as a bachelor, fived there, had gone driving in a victoria and had telephoned after the accident that nobody was hurt

Mayor Gaynor Looking Well.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Feb. 18.- Mayor Gaynor continued to fight shy of all interviewers to-day, putting in most of his time the Boardwalk with Mrs. Gaynor fied that he is persona non grats. If
The Mayor looked much better this afternoon and said he already felt the benefit of his relaxation in the sait air.

GEO. F. PARSONS KILLS HIMSELF WITH RIFLE

Young Lawyer Was Separated From His Wife and Suffered From Neurasthenia.

Told Thomas F. Smith. His Stepfather. That Domestic Troubles Kept Him Awake.

himself in the forehead with a rifle at 1:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in a bedroom on the top floor of the home of his stepfather, Thomas F. Smith, at 134 West Seventy-seventh street. Mr. Parsons, who was 35 years old and a graduate of the New York Law School, was suffering from neurasthenia, brought on by domestic troubles.

Seven years ago Mr. Parsons married wanted in Colombia. The Minister ex- went on, with the two policemen in the a girl whom he met during a summer va- of the Senate of New Jersey at one time Lieut. Silverstein when his auto- cation at the country home of his father, mobile was close to the dog fired two the late George Parsons, who was a maker of fireworks in Park place. Between five and six years ago a daughter was born. yard of Sarah Fals, who keeps a boarding Differences arose between husband and wife and recently they separated, the wife taking a flat at 47 East Tenth street. Brooklyn, where she now is living with her child.

Parsons lived at 347 West Fifty-6fth street. On Saturday he came to the home of Mrs. Smith, his mother, in a very neryous state. He brought with him a suit case and some law books. At luncheon yesterday he told Mr. Smith, who is connected with the American Engraving and Printing Company, that he had been unable to sleep the night before owing to thoughts of his domestic troubles.

He ate little and after he had left the table to go up to his bedroom Mrs. Smith suggested to her husband that they send for Mr. Smith's car and take Parsons for a drive. While they were talking Mr. Smith heard a sound upstairs "like the slamming of a door," he said later, and went to the top floor to investigate. He found Parsons lying dead, fully dressed, on his bed with the rifle in his hands. A maid was sent across the street for Dr. Moritz Gross. Dr. Gross upon finding the man dead telephoned Coroner Feinberg. Following the ceremony Dr. Chalfont who came to the house at once and gave said he was unaware that the couple had the family permission to send for an undertaker and prepare the body for

cause and the New York court in its de-cree had forbidden him to marry during place the muzzle of the rifle against his brow and reach out and pull the trigger. "Had I known the facts of the case." The rifle was one which he had bought and received by me to-day, as the Secretary passed the entire day in the offices of the legation and when he found this letter it legation and when he found the found this letter it legation and when he found this letter it legation and the found this suggestion. He left no message of any Feinberg found \$186.14 in bills and coins

POLICE SAVED LIFE SAVERS.

Ice Caught the Volunteers.

Three life savers from the Oak Point volunteer life saving station on the Sound went out in an eighteen foot skiff and rowed around North Brother Island and South Brother Island yesterday afternoon looking for persons to rescue. They were about 150 yards off Riker Island west of South Brother Island when they got mixed up in an ice jam and their boat was caught and they drifted along with the ice, headed for a ledge of rocks. One of the larger floes pressed on the side of their skiff heavily enough to start the seams, and while two of them bailed the other took off his shirt and affixed it to an oar, which he waved as

Sergt. Richard Fordham of Harbor Squad B was out in a police launch with Patrolmen McNaught and Sheehan and they caught the signal. The launch nosed toward the ice jam gingerly and the three castaways were pulled over the bow and hustled into the engine room. The skiff was yanked clear and brought up the rear in a swift run to Barretto Point, where the three volunteers were warmed and dried. They were William Franklin of 1012 Jackson avenue. The Bronx; Lewis Hanlon of 1050 East 156th street and Harry Adams of 107th street and Third avenue.

TO GIVE MILLIONS FOR ROADS.

Gen. du Pont Will Devote His Fortune to Highway Philanthropy. WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 18.-Gen. T.

oleman du Pont, president of the Du Pont Powder Company, will give away much of his fortune for building roads for Delaware. While this State will be the chief beneficiary, adjoining States will be benefited, it being his intention to continue his highways into other Com-

The General himself made the announce ment to-day. He has decided to do this rather than to leave a big fortune to his children. "One million dollars will keep a family well," he said. "By spending the remainder of my possessions I can do my State great good.

than libraries, hospitals, and in fact than \$2,000. They were evidently amateur any of the usual forms of philanthropy thieves who had gained an entrance to Gen. du Pont has asked Gov. Pennewill

to pass amendments to the law enacted at the last session which empowers Gen. du Pont to build a \$2,000,000 boulevard as a gift to this State. The extraordinary session will be called for next month if two-thirds of the Legislators agree in writing to pass the desired amendments. The amendments will give the donor authority to extend the proposed highway of 103 miles into other parts of Delaware in addition to making the beginning of its construction this year a possibility. A poll will shortly be taken. The Governor is in accord with Gen.du Pont on the proposition.

PITNEY NOW THE CHOICE.

The President May This Week Name Him to Succeed Harlan.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—President Taft will probably send to the Senate before the end of another week a nomination for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Associate Justice John M. Harlan. It was the expectation that the name would go to the Senate to-morrow and it was reported that the President had finally determined to appoint Chancellor Mahlon

Pitney of New Jersey. Ex-Gov. Franklin Murphy of New Jersey is a guest at the White House, which has given color to the story that Pitney was to be appointed. It has been known for the last two weeks that the President Investigators Hint at Sensahas been considering names of jurists George F. Parsons, a young lawyer, from Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Sevwho until about a year ago practised in eral Senators said to-night that they Brooklyn, committed suicide by shoot- understood that the nominee would be an Eastern man.

If the President should decide to go to the West he will probably name United States Senator George Sutherland of Utah, whose name has again been under favorable consideration as a successor to Justice Harlan.

Justice Pitney is slightly over 54 years old, is a native of Morristown, N. J., and a graduate of Princeton University. He served in the Legislature of New Jersey. was a member of Congress and President

MISSING WITH HIS PEARLS.

Jeweller, Just Arrived From Germany, Started to Visit Brother.

There arrived in New York from Germany on Friday and went to the home of Harlem relatives a jeweller, Louis Teitelbaum, carrying twenty-five pearls of various sizes and currency, both German and American ,On Saturday he set forth from the home of his aunt, Mrs. Charlotte Wolf, 223 East 113th street, "to visit his brother in Brooklyn." He expected to return to the Wolfs home that night, out did not.

Last night Mrs. Wolf told the police. She said she did not know where Teitelbaum's Brooklyn brother lived, was not sure there was any brother, and feared that thieves had got hold of the jeweller, the twenty-five pearls and the currency.

PRISONER CHAINED TO POST.

Refuses to Clean Streets and Wins Coin From Passersby. LAFATETTE, Ind., Feb. 18.-James O'Connell, who says his home is in hicago, stood chained to a post in the

gang. He was under sentence for vagrancy. O'Connell's predicament won sympathy taken back to jail donations amounting

to \$2.20 were found in his pockets. The prisoner told the jail keeper that he was worth more tied to a post than he would be with the street cleaning depart-

Martin Bethke, a sculptor, whose recent address has been the municipal lodging house, was arraigned in the Yorkville police court yesterday on a charge of begging. He is 23 years old and said that his father holds a place corresponding to Alderman in a German town. young sculptor was graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts in Munich and served a year in the German army. He had a falling out with his father and

came to this country a year ago. Yesterday morning he went to 8 East Sixty-sixth street and asked for a pair of shoes. He was arrested, but Magistrate Appleton said is would be a pity to send a young man of so much talent to the

workhouse, and discharged him. MESSAGE TO HELEN SMITH.

Runaway's Distracted Mother Promises

to Make Her Welcome Home. Mrs. F. H. Smith, the mother Helen Smith, the Brooklyn girl who left her home at 1241 Dean street some

time on February S. has written to THE SUN saying that if her daughter will return she need have no fear of the consequences "I am distracted," she writes, "and can bear little more. You will be doing a

worthy and charitable act if you will give the necessary space to make known generally that her welfare and safety are our one desire and if she will return she need have no fear of the consequences, since we will welcome and give her the love and protection from which she is

The girl, who is 15 years old, left home with Miss Jean Campbell, divorced wife of Harry Hyland Lyon of St. Louis. and her parents asked the police to look for her. She had disappeared before So far no trace of the girl or her companion has been found.

THIEVES ATTACK WOMAN.

bery in North White Plains.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Feb. 18.-After servant, Mrs. Mary Sutton, had battled with two masked men in her room for twenty minutes last night the robbers finally put her to flight and robbed the home of J. J. Viele at North White Plains of diamond rings, diamond and pearl "I believe good roads will do more good brooches and gold watches worth in all the upper floor of the house.

Mrs. Sutton was alone except for an to call a special session of the Legislature infant child and before retiring she went to look at the babe. As she leaned over the bed she was seized from behind and commanded to keep quiet.

She fought her captors and succeeded in pushing them from the room. She locked the door then and escaped by a window to give an alarm. The thieves broke in the door and ransacked the place before she could get help.

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AMAZING STORY OF WILL FRAUD PLOT

PRICE TWO CENTS.

Nurse's Sworn Recital Involving Gardner in the Tangle Is Given Out.

NEW DISCLOSURES NEAR

tional Developments in Case of Hermit.

HOW OLD MAN SIGNED

Haslett Incompetent, Asserts Attendant-Names Relatives as Visitors.

EX-SENATOR OUT ON BAIL

Several Others Who Figure in Case in Which Estate Was Signed Away Engage Counsel.

Samuel E. Haslett, the rich old eccentric who gave an apparently all powerful grip on his property to former State Senator Frank J. Gardner on Friday, which resulted in the arrest of the Senator and of a trained nurse when Mr. Haslett's lawyer learned of it, remained ill in bed yesterday barely conscious of the hum of activities going on about him in relation to his estate. A doer of weird things while in health Mr. Haslett cannot fully grasp what it is all about now that he is worn by the weakness brought on by exposing himself to the cold in his musty old house at 138 Remsen street, Brooklyn and by lack of proper food.

Meantime sensational developments are promised; further arrests are hinted at. Chief Magistrate Kempner is spending all the time he can spare from the bench in developing evidence; Brooklyn detectives are engaged in running down events which have been narrated to them in what they public square yesterday after he had call a confession from George H. Decker. refused to work with a street cleaning the trained nurse in the case, who is held with Gardner, both on the charge of conspiring to defraud Mr. Haslett out of his property, which is valued at more than \$1,000,000.

After Decker was put under arrest on Saturday he broke down and made a statement which denies any criminal intent, but admits that he brought former Senator Gardner into the case and tells this legation in the afternoon of the 14th merely said that both parties were di- eon yesterday Mrs. Smith, his mother, had TALENTED HANDS, COLD FEET, the story of the will. He said there were two wills; Gardner had decided that the He first was invalid because a bequest had been made to a dead relative, and th next night Gardner came with another

will all prepared. Decker said that Gardner and the others stood back" while he had his patient affix his signature. When asked by Magistrate Kempner the condition of Haslett at the time, Decker replied:

"Incompetent. Absolutely incompe tent. In this second will, according to Decker's sworn statement, provision was made for another nurse, and a doctor, who were

to get \$5,000 each, and to several relatives

who were to get \$15,000. Decker's understanding of the will is that Gardner was executor and residuar legatee, and that he himself would be taken care of by Gardner out of the residue. This was signed and witnessed on Thursday night after Gardner had made several midnight visits to the

Present at the signing of the will were Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Samuel (Mrs. Samue is a cousin), Dr. J. T. Deyo of Ocean Parkway and another man whose name Decker did not remember. He says the will was signed by the witnesses in the hall downstairs after Mr. Haslett had signed it, and not in the testator's

Decker said that he himself brought Gardner into the case; he got an idea that there was something wrong with the administering of Mr. Haslett's property and told Gardner. Last Monday night he let Gardner into the house.

To-day District Attorney Cropsey will he consulted about the widespreading features of the case. Mrs. Samuel and her husband have retained counsel, as has Dr. Deyo, who witnessed the will. They refused to discuss their connection with the case yesterday until they consult counsel. Mr. Samuel's lawyer is S. Stanwood Menken. Mrs. Samuel lives at New Dorp and her husband has an office in the Whitehall Building. Mr. Gardner' lawyer is George McKenzie.

Mr. Lord attended yesterday a conference of the police who are working on the case with Chief Magistrate Kemp ner and Assistant District Attorney Lee This lasted all the afternoon and was held in Magistrate Kempner's office. After ward it was intimated that there would be more arrests and that if the hearing goes on to-day there will be develop ments which will overshadow what

come out a lready. Alfred C. Cowan of 16 Downing street Brooklyn, has been retained as counse by Decker. He spent last night looking for a bondsman for his client. Charles O'Donnell of 172 Lexington avenue went to see Mr. Lord yesterday and told him that Decker had once been arrested Manhattan.

Mr. Gardner at first was not disposed to talk, but late last night at his home 75 East Eighty-first street, he made s statement in which he absolved himself from all blame. He said he had been brought into the case at the request of Mr. Haslett and that Decker had called him in. He had met Mr. Haslett five or six years ago for the first time, but had

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